(d) and (e) The Government does not make any distinction between Cine Stars and the general taxpayers regard-ing recovery of tax arrears which is a optinuous process and no time limit can be fixed for enfo cing recovery of outstanding dcr.Kin.ls. Depending upon the facts and circumstances of each case.appropriate stepi are being taken from time to time by the concerned income- tax authorities for recovery/reduction of tax arrears.

Decline in Revenue collection

994. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Ministe- or FINANCE be pleased to i state.

la) whether it is a fact that the tussle over CBEC and CBDT chairmanships has resulted in the sharp decline over recvenue collection; and

(b) if so. what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. v. CHANDRASHEKHAR MUR-THY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Denial of World Bank and IMF Fund for poverty alleviation

995. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports appearing in The Economics Times of Sunday, 10th July, 1994 regarrlinir denial of World Bank, IMF to fund poverty alleviation programmes in SAARC countries;

(b) if so, what would be its cascading effects on our own poverty alleviation programmes ?

(c) how much aid does India received from these Worlds bodies on these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MUR-I THY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) So far no specific poverty alleviation project has been funded by the World Bank: in India. However, a substantial part of Bank assistance is aimed towards poverty targeted inter-vention. Lending by IMF is not project tied.

Imported goods free from fiscal control

996. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether Government propose' to free all imported consumer goods from fiscal control;

(b) if so, from which date these controls are to be lifted;

!(c) whether Government are consider-ing only tariffs to be used to regulate-such imports;

(d) whether items of consumer use have been identified; and

(e) if so, to what extent it will be helpful to fully liberalise economy?

| THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF'.FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) Rationalisation of customs duties on consumer goods with a view to a ′ suitable tarrif-cum-OGL import regime has been incorporated in a Discussion Paper. However, no policy decision has yet been taken. '

(e) Does not alias.

Interest free loan to rick unit by SBI

997. SHRI SURESH KALMADI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of India plan to give interest free-nans to sick units; and